

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all 50 states in the United States.

IN THE PAST 5 YEARS...

The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$4,334,000** in grants in **Arkansas**.



Blue Star Museums. Photo by Debra Huskin

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Arkansas added **2.4% or \$2.9 billion** to the state's economy.
- Arkansas's arts and cultural industries employed **33,510** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling over **\$1.6 billion**.
- **40.8%** of Arkansas's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **24%** attended art exhibits.



National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY17-FY19

Blue Star Museums program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **36 participating museums** in Arkansas.

Poetry Out Loud program provided opportunities for over **571 students** attending **63 high schools** in Arkansas to appreciate—through study, memorization, and public recitation—great poetry.

The **NEA Big Read** program generated **56** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **2,080** adults and students in Arkansas.

Shakespeare in American Communities program in Arkansas enabled schools to offer children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

Creative Forces program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.

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Projects Funded by the Arts Endowment either Directly or Through its State Arts Agency Partnership Funds Occurred in These and Other Locations

AR-01

*Blytheville Primary School
Corning Public Library
East Arkansas Community College
Independence County Library
King Biscuit Blues Festival
Treble Clef Music Club*

AR-03

*Artist's Laboratory Theatre
Camp War Eagle
Crystal Bridges Museum Of American Art
Fort Smith Public Library
Haxton Road Studios
Tricycle Theatre For Youth*

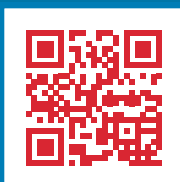
AR-02

*Argenta Community Theater
Centers For Youth And Families
Cox Creative Center
FUMC Summer Adventure Camp
Mosaic Templars Cultural Center
White County Regional Library System*

AR-04

*Clarksville Primary School
Garland County Library
Lake Hamilton School District
South Arkansas Arts Center
Trice Elementary
Watson Primary School*

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